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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	50	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	50 minus 20=	* 30
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus 3 =	* 2
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

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SMALL ENTITY

TYPE

OTHER THAN

OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	540
X42=		OR X84=	168
+140=		OR +280=	-
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	1158

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus	** 50	= 3
Independent	6	Minus	*** 5	= 1

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	150
X42=		OR X84=	200
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	350

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus	**	=
Independent	Minus	***		=

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus	**	=
Independent	Minus	***		=

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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For: PLUG-DROPPING CONTAINER
FOR RELEASING A PLUG INTO
A WELLBORE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 12, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on September 12, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0153.P1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

New Claims

Claims 52-58 have been added to better define aspects of the present invention. Applicants submit that no new matter was added. Claims 52-54 depend from claim 1 and these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 55-58 have the limitation of a valve disposed proximate an end of a canister, the valve having a substantially radial surface and a substantially flat surface, wherein the valve is movable from an object-retained position and an object-released position, whereby in the object retained position fluids are permitted to flow around the valve through a gap defined by the flat surface and the tubular housing. Applicants believe the references cited by the Examiner do not teach this limitation and therefore claims 55-58 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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